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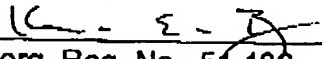
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Sir:

This paper is submitted as an inquiry as to the status of the application identified above.

More than two years have passed since the filing of this application on August 22, 2003, accompanied by a return post-card. A Filing Receipt was received November 18, 2003. A Notice to File Missing Parts was received November 18, 2003. A Corrected Filing Receipt was received October 7, 2004. An initial Status Inquiry was filed May 9, 2005. No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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